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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/22/07.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7 and 10-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 5-7, 10-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/ are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The ratio 4.09-5.59 is not disclosed in the specification. The only ratio disclosed in the specification is 4.711 and it is not clear that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of a greater ratio, namely, 4.09-5.59.

4. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 7 claims that the upper surface of the thread extends "upwardly" at an angle of about 150° and the lower surface extends "downwardly" at an angle of about 100°. However, according to the specification and the figures, the upper surface of the thread extends downwardly, and the lower surface extends upwardly. See. Fig. 5 and paragraph [0026].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kerins et al. (US Patent 4,665,682). Kerins et al. teaches a method of blow molding a preform (26) to form an intermediate article (50), and then separating an adaptor portion (64) from the intermediate article to result in a container (52), where the average wall thickness of the preform (26) is 0.180 inches (column 8, line 64-column 9, line 1). This encompasses the claimed limitation of a wall thickness of 0.1555-0.1790, because an average thickness of 0.180 necessarily means that some of the thicknesses are less than 0.180. Similarly, 0.180 inches is remarkably close to 0.179 inches and it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the method taught by Kerins et al. to form a preform with a threaded finish of 0.179 inches.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claim 4 is allowed.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest, in a method of making a threaded wide mouth container by injection stretch blow molding a preform to form an intermediate article, and then severing a dome portion from the intermediate article to leave the finished container, the limitations that the wall thickness of the threaded neck portion of the container is 0.032-0.038 inches and that the ratio of the thread forming region of the preform to the diameter of the finished threads is approximately .0500 +/- .005.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

9. Claim 13 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest, in a method of making a threaded wide mouth container by injection stretch blow molding a preform with a wall thickness of the threaded portion of the preform being 0.1555-0.179 inches, and then severing a dome portion from the intermediate article to leave the finished container, the limitation that the depth of the thread on the container is 0.0575 inches from root to crest.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments filed 10/22/07, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 3-6, 10, and 12 under Beck et al. have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made with regard to new matter contained in claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, and 11; and a new rejection has been made for claim 12, over Kerins et al.

12. Further regarding claim 7, previously noted as containing allowable subject matter, examiner noticed that "upwardly" and "downwardly" appear to have been interchanged in claim 7; hence, a new rejection for that claim has been outlined in paragraph 4 above.

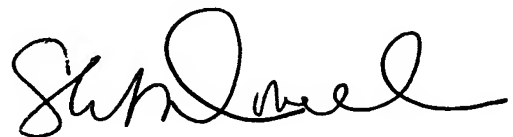
Conclusion

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
Smith et al. (US Patent 6,841,117).

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne E. McDowell whose telephone number is (571) 272-1205. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon and Th 5:30am-2pm, Tues 10am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson can be reached on (571) 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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